

DURHAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MARCH 19, 2024; 7PM Minutes

[Durham EAC Meeting](#)

FINAL

DURHAM TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qae-otvt-qfo>

1. Call to Order 7: 02 PM
 - a. Present: Blake, Lois, Arlene, David, Stephen, Carl
 - Citizen attendee: Chehi (from Planning Commission)
 - b. Absent: Jeff K., Jeff H., Sarah
 - c. Quorum: Yes
2. Approval of the February 2024 EAC Meeting Minutes. Motion: DJ 2nd: AA
Vote: 6 - 0
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Arlene
 - Outreach and Publicity
 1. Blake reached out to Donna Holmes, Palisades Patch, for future dispersal to the community of announcements.
 - Will advertise Rt 611 clean-up
 1. Posted on Nextdoor - 2 thumbs up, 857 views
 - Arlene spoke with Jim Drennen about hikes on Heritage grounds
 1. Start with Mariton?
 2. Will ask Zane about Saturday, April 27th
 - b. Lois
 - Tree Measuring - Lois provided data to Blake who created spreadsheet for compilation and calculations
 1. Growth factors
 2. Environmental factors
 3. Goal to calculate ages of trees
 - White Oak - 362 years old - across from Crouse's barn on Durham Road
 - c. Stephen
 - Rte. 611 cleanup timeline
 - April 6, 2024 - 9 - 11 AM - Route 611 & 212
 - Lunch available at Springtown Firehouse following clean-up
 - Supplies provided
 - d. Carl (not present)
 - Stutz Dam

1. Nothing new. He reminded them that we are interested in helping plantings when time comes
 - Walk in Penn's Woods
 1. To be determined for the Fall. He will coordinate with Arlene
 - e. Blake
 - Blake will further investigate utilization of road salt (on hold)
 - He created a rigged up computer like setup that uses AI to discern bird types that visit a particular area. He is coordinating with Jeff K. to set up one of his units on Jeff's property and also on his property. Project is to develop a database of local birds and migratory birds who live in a particular area.
 - Environmental Town Watch
 1. White cement and riverstone (3 - 6 inch) to create access to Cooks Creek by lotholder on Red Bridge Road who camp on their property on weekends. A "camper getaway".
 - f. David
 - Cooks Creek Watershed Conservation Plan
 1. Grant approved for an amount less than what was requested. Money available for Underlying Study phase first. Contract with Princeton Hydro to follow. Princeton Hydro graciously will donate 20% of grant value as CCWA's matching responsibility. Once a DCNR contract is signed and approved, any hours spent by EAC, etc., members will be applied to the required labor component of the contract.
 - g. David/Lois/Applicable
 - Lois attended Conditional Use hearing March 18th re: Kugelmass
 1. Ms. Chehi, Planning Commission Member, reported that she questioned the precedent that was set wherein applicant first violates zoning ordinance and then asks for "forgiveness".
 - Board of supervisors' meeting review
 1. Blake presented 5 salient points of CC Conservation plan
 2. July Cooks Creek water festival notification provided to supervisors for July 13th event 10 - 4
 - Funks Mill, Sherers Hill, Kintner, Countryside, & Dogwood Roads to be attended to in various ways by the Township
4. Old Business:
- a. CCWA Creek and River Festival, Saturday, July 13, 2024 10- 4 PM
 - David & Lois are on the planning committee.
 - Music, Food Trucks, Various tables

- David spoke with Bill Shick, Palisades Regional about banner installation
 1. Manpower needed. David will be away. Lois, Arlene, Blake signed up
5. New Business:
- a. Blake
 - Screen Print shirts -
 - Danielle requests future spending needs of EAC
 - Cement and materials for placement of sign to be paid by township - Blake will install sign with his own equipment
 - EAC website addition approved by Danielle. Videos, pictures, instructional materials acceptable
 - b. Carl -
 - Wetland Restoration
 1. 36" pipe under Rt 611 becomes clogged with rocks and blocks flow of water which then overflows onto 611 and can freeze which causes accidents. Township is required to unclog pipe which they do.
 2. Suggestion made by Carl which will benefit PennDOT, Township, Carl & wetlands area
 - a. Let's think about the concept
 - b. Involve other organizations including PennDOT since wetlands mitigation would be improved
 - c. Carl will contact landowner to discuss invitation to EAC to visit property
 - c. Lois
 - Downspout extensions needed for mill-
 1. Blake will donate 4" corrugated drainpipe
6. Adjourn. Motion: BT 2nd: DJ Vote: 6 - 0 Meeting adjourned 8:51 PM
7. Next EAC meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m